



RECEIVED
JUN 02 2001
TECH CENTER 1600/2900

1623

PATENT

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on

June 21, 2001

Catherine M. Peck

June 21, 2001

Catherine M. Peck

Date

Serial No.: 09/483,248
Filed: January 14, 2000
Art Unit: 1623
Examiner: M. Chaudhry
Applicant: Ken K. Tseung, et al.
Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
AUTOMATIC TISSUE STAINING**
Atty Dock: LABV-03

Peck #9

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

June 21, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the election/restriction mailed on May 22, 2001, Applicants hereby elect Group II, with traverse. The claims corresponding to this group are claims 11-16 and 23-26.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's restriction between Groups II and III, for the following reasons.

The Examiner has found claims 11-16 and 23-26, drawn to an apparatus for staining specimen slides, to be classified in class 435, subclass 283.1. Subclass 283.1 is a main classification of "Apparatus" under class 435.